

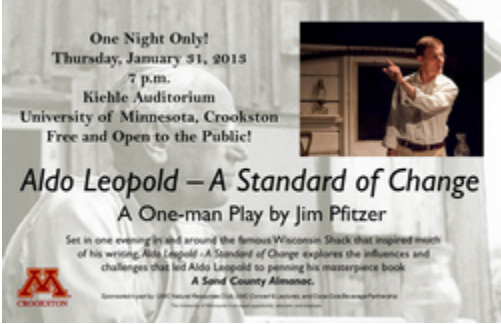
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Storyteller Jim Pfitzer to bring Influential Author and Forester Aldo Leopold to Life on Thursday, January 31, 2013, at the University of Minnesota, Crookston; Performance in Kiehle Auditorium at 7 p.m.

By Itollefs on Friday, December 28, 2012Aldo Leopold was a conservationist, forester, philosopher, educator, writer, and outdoor enthusiast. Storyteller Jim Pfitzer (right) will bring Leopold to life on the stage of Kiehle Auditorium on Thursday, January 31, 2013, at 7 p.m. The performance titled "Aldo Leopold - A Standard of Change" is free and all are welcome. The one-man play, written by and starring storyteller Jim Pfitzer, is set during an evening in and around the famous Wisconsin Shack that inspired much of Leopold's writing, the performance explores the influences and challenges that led to the writing of the widely popular book A Sand County Almanac. As a U.S. forester, Leopold was instrumental in the creation of our first federally designated wilderness in the Gila National Forest. In 1935, he and his family initiated an ecological restoration experiment on a worn-out farm along the Wisconsin River outside of Baraboo, Wisconsin where they planted thousands of pine trees, and restored prairies. A little more than a year after his death in 1948, Leopold's collection of essays A Sand



County Almanac was published and required reading for most wildlife management students across the country. With over two million copies sold, it is one of the most respected books about the environment ever published, and Leopold has come to be regarded by many as the most influential conservation thinker of the twentieth century as well as the father of the field of wildlife management. "When confronted with a modern conservation dilemma, those in the wildlife profession often ask, 'What would Aldo Do?' and there is generally a quote from Leopold's writings that nails it!" says Professor Dan Svedarsky, former president of The Wildlife Society. "Many of Leopold's writings are applicable to the sustainability movement as well."



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